

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the original specification with the clean copy of the attached substitute specification. Also attached is a marked-up version showing changes made to the original specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-13 to read as follows:

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1. (amended) An apparatus for processing a playback signal, said apparatus comprising:
- playback means for reproducing information recorded on a recording medium, said reproduced information including programs and character information associated with said programs;
- character-information detecting means for detecting said character information recorded in an information control area of said recording medium and reproduced by said playback means;
- character-string searching means for searching said detected character information for a string of characters representing address information used to obtain, from a remote source, program information associated with said programs; and
- address-information generating means for generating said address information.
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2. (amended) An apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising display means for displaying said character information on a display and for displaying said address information in a format different from formats of other character information on said display.

3. (amended) An apparatus according to claim 2 wherein said display means displays indicating information indicating whether or not said character information includes said address information on said display.

4. (amended) An apparatus according to claim 3 wherein said displayed indicating information is an icon.

5. (amended) An apparatus according to claim 2 further comprising activating means for activating software associated with said address information.

6. (amended) A playback-signal processing apparatus comprising:
storage means for storing character information reproduced from a recording medium,

said character information being associated with programs recorded on said recording medium;

search means for searching said character information for a string of characters representing address information used to obtain, from a remote source, program information associated with said programs; and

display means for displaying said character information and indicating information indicating whether or not said address information is included in said character information on a display.

7. (amended) A playback-signal processing apparatus according to claim 6 wherein said indicating information is an icon.

8. (amended) A playback-signal processing apparatus according to claim 6 further comprising activating means for activating software associated with said address information.

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9. (amended) A playback-signal processing apparatus according to claim 6 wherein said recording medium comprises a plurality of tracks and said display means displays said indicating information for each of said respective tracks.

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10. (amended) A method for reproducing character information from a recording medium for recording audio data, said method comprising the steps of:

reproducing character information recorded on said recording medium, said character information being associated with said audio data;

searching said reproduced character information for a string of characters representing address information used to obtain, from a remote source, further information about said audio data; and

displaying said character information and information indicating whether or not said address information is included in said character information.

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11. (amended) A method according to claim 10 wherein said indicating information is an icon.

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12. (amended) A method according to claim 10 wherein said address information included in said character information is displayed in a format different from a format of other character information.

13. (amended) A method according to claim 10 further comprising a step of activating software when said address information is included in said character information.